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FOR STEVE LANDE STR

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TAGS: ETRD

SUBJECT: GSP RUMORS ON MEXICAN ATTEMPTS TO AVOID
COMPETITIVE NEED LIMITS

1. WE HAVE HEARD RUMORS FROM SEVERAL DIFFERENT SOURCES
THAT GOM MAY BE TRYING TO AVOID EXCEEDING COMPETITIVE
NEED LIMITS ON SEVERAL PRODUCTS ELIGIBLE FOR GSP.
ACCORDING TO THESE RUMORS, AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING
AUTHORITIES HAVE CEASED TO ISSUE UNCTAD FORM A FOR
CERTAIN PRODUCTS WHERE IMPORTERS/EXPORTERS HAD NO
TROUBLE OBTAINING THEM BEFORE. REASON GIVEN THAT
MEXICO DOES NOT WANT TO EXCEED \$26 MILLION ON THESE
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ITEMS. YOU SHOULD RAISE THIS IN LOW KEY MANNER IN

COURSE OF YOUR DISCUSSIONS, POINTING OUT THAT WHAT
IS PROBABLY ATTEMPT OF FAIRLY LOW LEVEL OFFICIAL
TO AID HIS COUNTRY WILL NOT SUCCEED ANYWAY, SINCE
COMPETITIVE NEED EXCLUSIONS DETERMINED BY TOTAL EXPORTS
OF PRODUCT TO US, AND NOT RPT NOT EXPORTS THAT
BENEFIT FROM GSP. KISSINGER

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